Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and,

Whereas, Chronic lung diseases, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), are the fourth leading cause of death in South Dakota, accounting for 440 deaths in 2005; and,

Whereas, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease costs the economy of the United States an estimated $42.6 billion a year; and,

Whereas, In 2005, 11.6 million U.S. adults, 18 years and over, were estimated to have COPD and close to 24 million U.S. adults have evidence of impaired lung function; and,

Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, be informed, and aware of their respiratory health and the factors that affect that health; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2007 as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State